In the claims:

Please **amend** the currently pending claims by substituting the following:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A multimedia system comprising:

a file storage that stores a multimedia file ~~composed of~~ comprising a plurality of sequence ~~tacks~~ tracks including a performance sequence track ~~recording performance~~ containing a sequence of performance ~~sequence~~ information, ~~and~~ a drawing sequence ~~tack recording~~ track containing a sequence of drawing ~~sequence~~ information, and a ~~synchronization means recording~~ master sequence track containing a sequence of synchronization information effective to synchronize the plurality of sequence tracks with one another, wherein the sequence tracks have the same data structure constituted by a sequence of events and durations that indicate time intervals between the successive events;

a sequencer that processes the multimedia file for parallel running of the sequence tracks synchronously with each other according to the synchronization information;

a program storage that stores an application program which treats and controls the multimedia file; and

an executing unit that executes the application program to enable the application program to communicate with the sequencer for effecting a control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks including a start control and a stop control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The multimedia system according to claim 1, wherein ~~the file storage stores~~ the multimedia file ~~composed of the sequence tracks~~ further ~~including~~ comprises an audio ~~sequence~~ track ~~which records~~ having audio sequence information.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended) The multimedia system according to claim 1 ~~claim 3~~, wherein the ~~master sequence track records the~~ synchronization information includes ~~containing~~ control information effective to control a progression of each sequence track along a time axis.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The multimedia system according to claim 1, wherein the drawing events contained in ~~drawing sequence track records~~ the drawing ~~sequence~~ information ~~which is constituted by a sequence of display events and durations, the display event indicating~~ indicate a display object which is drawn during the running of the drawing sequence track~~, the duration indicating a time interval between a pair of successive display events~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The multimedia system according to claim 5, wherein each of the display event includes layout information effective to specify a position of the display object relative to a display screen in a plurality of coordinate formats according to a size of the display screen and a size of the display object.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The multimedia systems according to claim 5, wherein each ~~the~~ display event ~~comprises~~ includes a primary block containing definition information effective to define the display object, and a secondary block containing modification information effective to impart movements to the display object, the modification information being selected to impart one or more of different movements which are independent from one another and which do not interfere with one another.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A multimedia file, said multimedia file including a plurality of sequence tracks including ~~comprising~~:

~~sequence tacks including~~ a performance sequence track containing a sequence of ~~that records~~ performance ~~sequence~~ information~~, and~~;

a drawing sequence track containing a sequence of ~~tack that records~~ drawing ~~sequence~~ information; and

a master sequence track containing a sequence of ~~synchronization means that records~~ synchronization information effective to synchronize all of the sequence tracks with one another, wherein the sequence tracks have the same data structure constituted by a sequence of events and durations that indicate time intervals between the successive events

wherein the multimedia file is readable ~~processed~~ by a sequencer for parallel running of the sequence tracks synchronously with each other according to the synchronization information, and

wherein the multimedia file is usable ~~used~~ by an application program, which is executed to communicate with the sequencer for effecting a control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks including a start control and a stop control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A method of playing a multimedia file by combination of a sequencer and an application program, the multimedia file comprising a plurality ~~being composed~~ of sequence tracks ~~tacks~~ including a performance sequence track containing a sequence of ~~recording~~ performance ~~sequence~~ information, ~~and~~ a drawing sequence track containing a sequence of ~~tack recording~~ drawing ~~sequence~~ information, and a master sequence track containing a sequence of ~~synchronization means recording~~ synchronization information effective to synchronize the sequence tracks with one another, wherein the sequence tracks have the same data structure constituted by a sequence of events and durations that indicate a time interval between the successive events, the method comprising the steps of;

processing the multimedia file by the sequencer for parallel running of the sequence tracks synchronously with each other according to the synchronization information; and

executing the application program to communicate with the sequencer for effecting a control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks such as a start control and a stop control of the parallel running of the sequence tracks.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the multimedia file further includes an audio sequence track ~~which records~~ containing a sequence of audio ~~sequence~~ information.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) The method according to claim 9 ~~claim 11~~, wherein the ~~master sequence track records~~ the synchronization information ~~containing~~ includes control information ~~effective to control~~ for controlling a progression of each sequence track along a time axis.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the drawing events contained in the drawing ~~sequence track records the drawing sequence~~ information ~~which is constituted by a sequence of display events and durations, the display event indicating~~ indicate a display object which is drawn during the running of the drawing sequence track~~, the duration indicating a time interval between a pair of successive display events~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein each of the display event includes layout information effective to specify a position of the display object relative to a display screen in a plurality of coordinate formats according to a size of the display screen and a size of the display object.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein each ~~the~~ display event includes ~~comprises~~ a primary block containing definition information effective to define the display object, and a secondary block containing modification information effective to impart movements to the display object, the modification information being selected to impart one or more of different movements which are independent from one another and which do not interfere with one another.